

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Faye Anderson, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Lift High the Cross" Dr. Gilbreath

## We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Call to Worship:

One: We have been gathered in this place for this time,

**All: that we might hear the good news we can't help but share.**

One: On this day and each one to come,

**All: may the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, and the actions of our lives proclaim our faith. Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn "All Things Bright and Beautiful" #20

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Holy God, in the face of sin, our gravest enemy, we call to you for help. You know our fault before we speak. Forgive us for what we have done in opposition to your will. Forgive us for those things we have not undertaken and for which we know our wrong. We have not loved you and our neighbors as we ought. We have denied our dependence on you. Lead us away from this grief and sorrow. Save us so that we may fulfill our vows to you and attend to the needs of your people. Amen. (Silent Confession)**

Hymn of Response "Give Thanks" #647

Assurance of Pardon:

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, and it revives the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure and make wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, and it enlightens the eyes. Believe the good news:

**All: In Jesus Christ, the living Word, we are forgiven!**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri #581

## We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination Faye Anderson

Scripture Reading Mark 8:34-38 Faye Anderson

Choir Anthem "Consecrated, Lord, to Thee" Choir

Scripture Reading Psalm 19 Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Sermon "Where and How" Rev. Tripp Brogdon

\*Hymn "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" #722

## We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering  
Offertory "Take Up Thy Cross and Follow Me" Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer of Dedication

## We Are Sent into the World

\*Hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised" #724

\*Benediction Rev. Tripp Brogdon

\*Postlude "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" Dr. Gilbreath

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

***Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.***

**Calendar of Events:**

Wed., Sept. 18 2:00 PM Session Meeting  
Thurs., Sept. 19 1:00 PM Caring Hands

**Guests**

Welcome! It is a blessing to have you in worship with us today. We warmly invite your participation in the worship, fellowship, and ministry of our congregation. The pastor is available to answer any questions you might have after worship, by email or phone. There is a place for you here.

Children's activity bags are available from an usher for the sermon time. Please leave the bag in the pew as you leave. A nursery is provided for children 3 years of age and under.

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**Scripture Reading, Faye Anderson: Mark 8:34-38**

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

**Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Psalm 19**

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.